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News for the People in Montgomery County Government

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In Memory of Conrad Johnson – County officials recently dedicated the Silver Spring Ride On Depot in memory of Conrad Johnson, a Ride On bus driver and the last victim murdered by the Washington area snipers in October. At the ceremony, County Executive Douglas M. Duncan also recognized the daily contributions of Public Works and Transportation employees that improve the quality of life for County residents. Pictured above, (l to r): Congressman Christopher Van Hollen, Tony Cioffi, Alverda Johnson, Andre Morrison, and Anthony Hawkins.

## Public Works and Transportation Announces Plans to Reorganize

One of the County's biggest departments is about to get smaller. At least in size, not service. The Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) has announced plans to restructure itself, with the end result being a reduction of seven divisions to five. In doing so, the department will eliminate some functional overlap, enhance service, and reduce costs.

While budget pressures may have been the catalyst for this action, Director Al Genetti saw opportunities to consolidate some of DPWT's functions in a manner that will improve the way the department carries out its mission. "We will become more streamlined and capable of providing the highest quality services to County residents," said Genetti.

The largest organizational changes occurred in two areas: 1. engineering and design functions for roads and buildings were consolidated into a new division – the Division of Capital Development; 2. maintenance operations within Facilities and Services, Traffic and Parking, and Highway Services were combined into a new Division of Operations.

Two current division chiefs, Al Roshdieh and Bruce Johnston, will guide the new divisions—Capital Development and Operations respectively—during the transition period. The other three divisions within DPWT have also been looking at ways to reduce redundancies and otherwise achieve cost savings.

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## County Website Offers Video On Demand

Watching County Cable Montgomery (Channel 6) just became a little easier. The channel now offers all of its programs on the County website. Shows are currently being archived for at least a two-week period so that they can be viewed on demand by anyone with a computer and internet access.

Currently, shows on the channel include magazine-style shows about County programs and services, Council meetings and work sessions, public hearings, press confer-

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## Fireworks And More

Wheaton will sparkle again on the Fourth of July with an Independence Day celebration, featuring food, live entertainment, children's activities and fireworks in the downtown area. Festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m., culminating with a fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. Free parking will be available at the Metro Garage located on Amherst Avenue. Parking will also be available at Northwood High School with free shuttle bus service.

And, on Saturday, July 12 at 8 p.m., the U.S. Army Concert Band will perform a concert of pieces by American composers. The evening will conclude with a fireworks display. This event will take place at the Germantown Campus of Montgomery College.

Both events are free and open to the public.

## Overheard On the Elevator

**ANITA ACEVEDO**, Economic Development and her husband Eymenis announce the birth of their first child, Eymenis, III, born on February 28 and weighing in at 8 lbs., 1 oz....**GAYLE JAMISON**, Revenue Authority, and her husband Tim welcome Caroline Janet, born on May 22 and weighing in at 8 lbs.

The **GreenMan Show** on Montgomery Cable Channel 6 was awarded a Silver Statue in the 2003 Annual Telly Awards. Sharing in the award is the Office of Public Information (OPI) and Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The Telly was awarded for the newly-created program's second show exploring "Environmental and Outdoor Education," shot on location at the Lathrop Smith Environmental Education Center. The Telly Awards recognize outstanding non-network and cable commercials, as well as film and video productions. The new program is produced by **JESSICA FUSILLO**, Cable Producer, OPI and hosted by **JOE KEYSER**, DEP.

The **Department of Technology Services** was chosen for this year's Monticello award which recognizes information technology professionals in government and industry who made an impact on the government IT community in 2002. DTS was recognized for providing high-tech tools to support the sniper investigation last October.

And, finally...Montgomery County is one of only two counties nationwide to earn top honors in the fifth annual E-Gov Awards Ceremony this month which recognizes innovations in electronic government. The Web Portal Consolidation earned the County a Pioneer Award - the top tier of the winning categories.

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## Recreation Department Offers Summer Teen Centers

If you're still looking for something to keep your teens busy this summer, enroll them in one of the Recreation Department's Summer Teen Centers.

The summer camps, which begin the week of July 7 at three sites around the county, are designed for teens ages 13 through 16. In addition to a variety of sports, the camps will feature art projects, games, special events with food and music, and swimming twice a week. One off-site trip will be scheduled per session.

Sessions will be held Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the following locations: Herbert Hoover Middle School, 8810 Post Oak Road, Rockville; Kingsview Middle School, 18909 Kingsview Road, Germantown; and Wheaton High School, 12601 Dalewood Drive, Wheaton. The Hoover and Kingsview camps are \$40 per session. The Wheaton session offers full-day sessions (\$40) and half-day sessions from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. (\$20).

For more information on the camps and how to register, call 240-777-6961.

## Youths Sought to Serve On Advisory Committee

The Recreation and Health and Human Services departments are looking for youths interested in serving on the County Executive's Youth Advisory Committee. Employees who have a son or daughter who would like to help make a difference in the lives of youth throughout the county are invited to serve. Applicants must be in the seventh grade and under 21, and reside in or attend school in Montgomery County. Members earn Student Service Learning Credits.

The Youth Advisory Committee plans countywide alcohol- drug- and violence-free high school/middle school events such as the Battle of the Bands, Movie Nights and pool parties. The committee also works to strengthen students' voices in the schools through youth speakouts and contact with County government. Another part of the committee's mission is to help eliminate alcohol and other drug use, and violence in the county and help fight racial discrimination through multicultural education.

For more information, call 240-777-6961.

## Celebrating 50 Years of Recreation

Come out and help the Recreation Department celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Tuesday, June 17 at 7:30 p.m. The U.S. Army Concert Band will perform at the Recreation Department offices located at 12210 Bushey Drive in Silver Spring.



To mark this special occasion, the band will provide musical entertainment in a variety of styles, ranging from classical to popular.

Bring blankets or lawn chairs. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call 240-777-6821.

## Merit System Protection Board Holds Annual Public Forum

The Merit System Protection Board will conduct its annual public forum on Tuesday, June 24 at 3:30 p.m. in the third floor hearing room of the Council Office Building.

The forum is held each year to provide employees and others with the opportunity to present their views, concerns and suggestions regarding administration of the

County's merit system. The Chief Administrative Officer has authorized the use of up to two hours of administrative leave for employees who wish to attend.

Call 240-777-6620 to register to speak. Written comments may be submitted to the Merit System Protection Board, 100 Maryland Avenue, Room 113, Rockville, MD 20850.





Fleet Management Hosts Successful "Take Your Child to Work Day" event – twenty-seven children of parents who work for Fleet Management shared a fun-filled day that included a tour of the facilities and a demonstration of how heavy equipment operates. The kids also took a "road trip" on the demo hybrid electric bus provided by Orion, and visited the County Executive's office, as well as the Traffic Management Center on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor of the EOB. They were also treated to a hands-on demonstration in the television studios of the Office of Public Information. (Photo by Jerry Powell)

## Carr Confirmed as Chief of Fire Rescue Service Division

Tom Carr was recently named chief of the Division of Fire and Rescue Services by County Executive Douglas M. Duncan. His appointment was confirmed by the County Council on May 6.

Carr began his public safety career in Montgomery County in 1978 as a paramedic/fire fighter. Prior to that, he had served as a volunteer with the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad for five years. During the past two years, Carr has been the Assistant Chief of Operations and Special Projects in the Department of Fire and Rescue Services (DFRS). He has also served as District Chief, Human

Resources and Labor Relations Officer and as Station Commander, where he directed and managed the County's Collapse Rescue Team and served as the FEMA Talk Force Leader for the Maryland Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Team.

"With a public safety career in this County that already spans nearly 30 years, Tom Carr will undoubtedly take on his new role as Chief with as much proficiency and enthusiasm as he has in the past as a paramedic, firefighter, dispatcher, search and rescue team leader and manager," said Fire Administrator Gordon Aoyagi.

## New Budget Director Named

The County Executive has named Beverley Swaim-Staley as director of the County's Office of Management and Budget.

Swaim-Staley served five years as Chief Financial Officer for the MD Department of Transportation, administering the agency's financial affairs with an annual budget of more than \$2 billion. She went on to serve as Assistant Director of Financial Management for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority for two years. She then returned to the MD Department of Transportation as Deputy Secretary,

where she was chief operating officer with a budget of \$3 billion and 9,800 employees.

"I am extremely pleased to have found someone with Beverley Swaim-Staley's expertise in fiscal management to oversee the management and budget functions here in Montgomery County," said County Executive Douglas Duncan. "She is well suited to the position here, and her proven management experience will go far in ensuring that Montgomery County taxpayers get the services that they need at a good value."

Swaim-Staley assumed her new position on May 27.

## HR Notes

### Office of Human Resources

#### Blood Drive June 9

Please help by donating blood. A blood drive will be held Monday, June 9, in the EOB lobby auditorium from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call the Red Cross directly at 1-800-448-3543 to schedule an appointment.

#### Emergency Contact Information

If you need to enter or change your emergency contact information, you can do this online by going to <https://portal.mcgov.org/OHR-TS/myec/Login.cfm>. Your employee ID/logon is your last name and the last four digits of your Social Security number (i.e., SMITH1234).

#### Mediation Services

Experiencing a problem on the job? Having trouble getting along with a co-worker? OHR's Labor/Employee Relations Team has trained, experienced mediators on staff who can help employees resolve such problems. The mediation program is a free service available to all employees. Participation is voluntary and all discussions are confidential. No records will be made of meetings or resulting agreements unless the parties to the mediation agree. Call 240-777-5114 for more information or to set up mediation.

#### Verification of Employment

If you are trying to obtain a loan and you will need employment verification, please let your lender know that OHR charges \$10.00 for "rush" requests. The normal processing time for a verification of employment is 5-7 days.

#### Montgomery's Best Honor Awards

The County Executive and Chief Administrative Officer will host the third annual Montgomery's Best Honor Awards ceremony on June 11 at the new BlackRock Center for the Arts in Germantown. Twenty-two awards in seven categories will recognize exceptional efforts during FY 2002 to support the County's programs and guiding principles. Those eligible to receive these prestigious, competitive awards include County merit-system employees, volunteers, County residents, and private organizations (i.e., partners-in-mission), depending upon the award category.

To catch-up on all the latest Human Resources news check the intranet at:  
[http://portal.mcgov.org/Ohr/index\\_frameset.htm](http://portal.mcgov.org/Ohr/index_frameset.htm)

**BEACH RENTAL** – Ocean City, Md. Two bdr., two bath luxury oceanfront condo at the Antigua. Enjoy ocean and bay views, sunrises and sunsets. All amenities, comfortably sleeps six, heated outdoor pool, kiddie pool and saunas. Reasonable weekly rates. Call 301-466-1002.

**'99 MERCEDES-BENZ** – SLK230 Kompressor convertible. Garage kept, silver, loaded, new premium wheels and radiator system, alarm system, auto transmission, hands-free cellular phone system with detachable mobile. 47k miles. \$29,000/best offer. Call 240-777-8811 or 240-994-4114.

**'97 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE** – two wheel drive, red, 64k miles. Great condition inside/out. \$6,500/best offer. Call 240-777-3399.

**'87 CHEVY NOVA** – silver, stick shift, 130k miles. Fair condition. \$900/best offer. Call Glenn Orlin at 301-652-5705.

**FURNITURE** – sofa and loveseat, mauve/blue floral print, cushions redone. Excellent condition. \$350. Call Nancy, 301-972-6651, eves.

## Backpage Bargains

County employees may submit ads, non-commercial only, with name and home and office phone number to Information Office, 4th floor, EOB. Ads may appear one time only. Deadline for the next issue is July 16.

**SOFA** – Ethan Allen Gibson sofa, includes two matching pillows. Fabric is cross-hatch with light green, cream and blue. Only three years old, great condition. Can email photo. Call Kath, 240-777-3857.

**FURNITURE** – octagon shaped picnic table, benches attached, pressure treated lumber, \$45. Rubbermaid white resin picnic table, umbrella stand, four high back chairs, two lounges with full cushions, all in excellent condition, \$70. Also, entertainment center, oak finish, \$30. Health Track 2000 ab machine with tapes, \$30. Call 240-777-3681.

**BABY GEAR** – Aprica double stroller, very good condition, \$75. Baby gate by Kidco, swings open with child-proof release lever, \$35. Graco high chair w/three position, \$15. Paddington Bear infant car seat cover, \$5. Brittax Roundabout infant/toddler car seat, \$20. Century infant/toddler car seat, \$15.

Baby swing, hangs in doorway, \$5. Also, various baby/toddler toys. Can email photos of all items. Call 240-777-6664 or 301-984-3666 or email [fcarrar@boo.net](mailto:fcarrar@boo.net).

**PIANO** – old, upright, in good condition.

Free. You haul, Damascus area. Call 240-777-1021 or 301-570-3927.

**ELECTRONIC KEYBOARD** – Yamaha YPP-50, 76 key. Excellent condition, like new. \$500/best offer. Call Lisa, 301-279-1153.

**SPORT/FITNESS EQUIPMENT** – bench press, partially assembled, excellent condition, \$50. Weight rack and weights, \$25. Portable basketball hoops, already assembled, \$100. Call Beryl, 240-777-2768.

**FOR SALE** – regulation size ping pong table and trampoline, \$100 each/best offer. Call Nancy, 240-777-8044 or 301-977-4437.

**SEEKING** – B-CC High School grads from 1973-74 who work for County government and are interested in getting together for a mini-reunion. Call Sovie Hum at 240-777-0106.

## Local Summer Concerts Begin

With warmer weather and longer days, the summer concert series is about to begin in the County. Whatever your musical taste, you'll find free concerts throughout the summer in Silver Spring, Wheaton and some of the County's regional parks. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and sit back and enjoy the sounds.

The Silver Spring concerts take place on Thursdays at the Silver Spring Metro Plaza located at Colesville Rd. and Second Ave. The Wheaton Concerts are held on Wednesdays in the grassy area on Reddie Drive, directly across from the Mid-County Regional Services Center. The Recreation Department presents its Summer Sounds in the Parks concerts at regional parks throughout the County. All concerts begin at 7 p.m.

Silver Spring concerts:

June 12 – Jambulay (Caribbean)  
June 19 – Alex Fox and Liza (Latin)  
June 26 – Ruthie & the Wranglers  
(country/western)  
July 3 – Jimi Smooth & Hittime (R&B)  
July 10 – David Bach Consort (jazz)  
July 17 – Andre Christovam  
with Bruce Ewan (Blues)  
July 24 – TBA

July 31 – Radio King Orchestra (Big Band)

August 7 – Rita Clarke

and the Naturals (zydeco)

August 14 – Combo Ocho (Salsa)

Wheaton Concerts:

July 9 – Lox & Vodka (Klezmer)

July 16 – Itadi Bonney (African)

July 23 – Potomac Jazz Orchestra (Jazz)

July 30 – Flat Broke (Country)

August 6 – Little Red & the Reptiles  
(Zydeco)

August 13 – Tracey Eldridge's Music 'n  
Motion (children's)

Summer Sounds in the  
Park Concerts:

June 24 – Army Concert Band at Cabin  
John Regional Park

July 10 – Patty Reese at Wheaton  
Regional Park

July 16 – Oh Susannah at Black Hills  
Regional Park

July 17 – Joe Devlin at Wheaton

July 23 – Rock 'N Roll Review at Black Hills  
August 12 – Lambert and Gaylor at  
Cabin John

August 19 – Rockville Concert Band at  
Cabin John

## DPWT

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DPWT numbers over 1,400 employees stationed at more than 30 work sites. While the reorganization will involve eliminating some positions, every effort is being made to place affected employees in available positions elsewhere in the department or in County government as a whole.

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ences, interview shows, historical profiles, live traffic cameras and other regular programming. County Cable Montgomery programming can also be viewed on the website in real time.

To access this latest feature of the County's website, click "Cable Channel 6" from the list on the left side of the County home page, then click "Watch County Cable Montgomery" near the top center of the page. Choose real time and watch what's being cablecast on the channel at that moment, or select archive and find the video you are interesting in viewing.

For more information about County Cable Montgomery, call 240-773-CATV (2288).